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Free Nonprofit Tax Seminar in San Bernardino on May 11, 2011

State Board of Equalization (BOE) Vice Chair Michelle Steel and BOE Member Senator George Runner announced today that a free tax seminar for nonprofit and faith-based organizations will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the City of San Bernardino.

Event: Free Tax Seminar for Nonprofit and Faith-Based Organizations in San Bernardino

Where: City of San Bernardino Council Chamber
300 North D Street
San Bernardino, California 92410

When: Wednesday, May 11, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (*Check-in at 8:30 a.m.*)

Register: Online at www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/nonprofitsched.htm or by phone at 888-847-9652

The free tax seminar for new and existing nonprofit and faith-based organizations will include presentations by experts on sales and use tax issues for nonprofits, property tax exemptions and compliance for exempt organizations, regulations for charities and fundraising events, employment taxes for nonprofit organizations, and an exempt organization workshop. Representatives from the State Board of Equalization, Franchise Tax Board, Employment Development Department, and the Office of the Attorney General will be available to assist attendees.

For the invitation and map, visit: http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/pdf/SanBern_Invite_WEB.pdf

For in-person seminars offered by the BOE, visit: www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_inperson.htm. The BOE also offers easy to use, convenient, 24-hour accessible online seminars on a variety of tax and fee topics at: www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_online.htm.

Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006 and re-elected in 2010, Michelle Steel serves as *Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate*. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel's decisive leadership. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses.

Elected in November 2010, taxpayer advocate George Runner represents the Second District of the Board of Equalization. Runner was sworn in as Second District Board Member on January 3, 2011. Prior to his election to the Board, Runner served twelve years in the State Legislature. As a thoughtful conservative, his legislative priorities included improving the economy, business growth, education excellence, and public safety for all Californians. As a

member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Runner consistently led the fight against tax increases and supported tax relief for families and businesses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$48 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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